

REMARKS


This Response and Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action dated June 28, 2005. By this Amendment, claims 19-31, 33-38, and 41-52 are canceled without prejudice, leaving claims 1-3, 5, 7-13, and 15-18 unchanged. Claims 4, 6, 14, 32, 39, and 40 were canceled in an earlier Amendment..

On pages 2-6 of the Office Action, claims 31, 33, and 41-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 5,352,003 issued to Bystry, and as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 3,994,521 issued to Van Gompel. On pages 6-9 of the Office Action, claims 19-21 and 23-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bystry in view of United States Patent Number 1,030,457 issued to Brooks. On pages 6 and 9 of the Office Action, claims 34-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bystry in view of United States Patent Number 6,540,273 issued to Brammall et al. Also, on pages 6 and 10 of the Office Action, claims 34-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Gompel in view of Brammall.

As mentioned above, claims 19-31, 33-38, and 41-52 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections of claims 19-31, 33-38, and 41-52 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art, that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Entry of this Amendment is therefore requested. If any issues remain outstanding upon entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Applicant's Representative at (414) 225-8266.

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